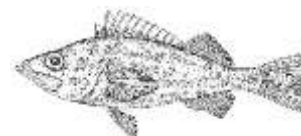

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2018 DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the commercial directed fishery for demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) will close in the Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 4, 2018. The allocation for the directed DSR fishery in CSEO is 121,356 round lb. Over 90,000 lb have been taken and the department estimates the remainder of the quota will be taken by the time of the closure.

The directed DSR fishery remains open in the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) and Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistricts. These areas will remain open until allocations are taken or until 4:00 p.m. on March 23, 2018, whichever occurs first. Catch and effort will be closely monitored and area closures may occur on short notice. Closures will be announced by ADF&G news release, United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report, and the National Weather Service broadcast. Updates of area closures will also be available on the Groundfish Hotline at (907) 747-4882.

For additional information regarding the 2018 directed DSR fishery, refer to the ADF&G news releases issued on December 12, 2017 and January 26, 2018.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0418.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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